

Green energy sparks campus debate

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Clackamas going green? Yellow is more popular. The general feeling on campus is to be split over the college's push to be environmentally friendly. Most of this split is born out of the end of this academic year, which will set off a chain of events toward the green technology. A turbine is really just one component of the whole project," said Campus Services, Bill Leach, "is to get us off the grid in the next years."

It went on to explain that this would manifest itself in the hydrogen vehicles, permeable and even power from water

On the academic side, Scott Giltz, Dean of the Technical Career Education Division, pointed out that the turbine is really just an "awareness piece," that is the catalyst, allowing the college to supply students with multiple opportunities right out of CCC.

Giltz said that one of their goals was to become a feeder school for colleges with advanced alternative energy programs. By creating a partnership with Columbia Gorge Community College, Clackamas would take the first step in that direction.

The goal Giltz had was to set up a 49 credit program, that would provide students with a stepping stone to Columbia Gorge's 95 credit program. He also explained that Clackamas' new curriculum will not just provide students with "many transferable skills," but also immediate placement in the renewable energy field.

"This will also be a great utility to Clackamas County residents," Giltz

said.

Several students, however, weren't as enthusiastic as Giltz.

"Going green is very much a fad," said first year student Charlotte Pepper. "It's in vogue."

Pepper stated that she hoped the classes would help provide students with a bit more insight as to why green technology is beneficial, as compared to just jumping on the bandwagon.

Student Trevor Raunch wasn't as generous about the green changes. "I don't care about wearing a loin cloth and living in the woods," he said on the topic.

Raunch, a student at Clackamas Community College for nearly four years, has seen the college go through several changes and isn't too swayed by the flashy new environmental view.

"The college as an institution should be concerned about education. 'Going green' should be a distant sec-

ond," said Raunch.

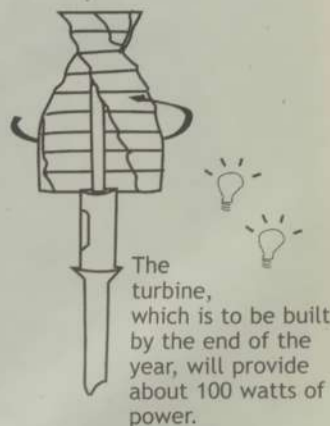
Student Matthew Compton disagreed saying, "(With green technology) we wouldn't be polluting the world for the next generation."

Compton was incredibly excited at the prospect that the college would be moving in the direction of alternative energy.

"Wind energy is great, the only thing it would hurt is birds," Compton joked, "so as long as it's not in their flight path, it's amazing."

While the college has received a Green Grant of \$358,000 and is in pursuit of a \$24 million grant, the administration expressed that this change wouldn't be immediate.

"If this saves the college money, if this preserves the institution then it's a good idea," Raunch said. "But, the college should be more concerned about saving itself, and it's students rather than trying to save the world."



The turbine, which is to be built by the end of the year, will provide about 100 watts of power.

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Opinion

Campus bathroom survey: Clackamas is number two to no one

Everyone goes to the bathroom, but not everyone goes to a bathroom as nice or as interesting as those we have at Clackamas Community College.

As a new student here, I noticed CCC bathrooms are much cleaner and more pleasant than those at the school I went to last year. I won't embarrass that fine institution and its less-than-sparkly, inconveniently placed, outdoor-entry-only bathrooms. Let's say its name rhymes with Count Wood.

Because my initial impressions were so favorable, I decided to investigate further. I visited all 82 bathrooms on campus — thanks to Campus Services super employees Alexander and Don Sager for providing the exact number — but I did drop in to quite a few. Below are just some of the highlights.

Disclosure of bias: The author, being possessed of that most plunger-shaped of anatomies, the Y, visited only men's restrooms while researching this column. Except for minor details, such as user cleanliness and cleanliness, it assumed the corresponding women's restrooms are much the same.)

Art Center
Surprisingly, the bathroom here is white, clean, and more white. Other than two posters on the wall, this restroom is a 100 percent blank canvas in which to do your work.

Randall Hall, main floor outside gym
There is graffiti in this restroom. Specifically, it is confined almost entirely to the middle stall. Aside from the usual Nazi, and profane references, the inside of the door says, in large letters, "Push it." Odd, considering that from the reader's perspective, the door only opens in.

Laughlin Hall, first floor, just past the bookstore entrance
The color here is brown. The smell is like a hospital. It looks like a shrine to mid-20th Century industrial America. But wait! On the wall is a dainty little shelf for the post-modern latte or metrosexual man.

Bill Brod Community Center
It's worth braving the claustrophobic way to see the condom machine inside. This is not just any condom machine, it's the Gold Latex Condom, Premium Ribbed Condoms with Stimulating Lubricant, USA Quality Inspected" condom machine. Truly, these prophylactics are "The gold standard of satisfaction." Especially titillating are the

instructions to "Insert two coins together" and the suggestive overlapping quarters illustration.

Dye Learning Center

There are a whopping four stalls in this men's bathroom. Can't find a table you like in the library? Grab a book and head to this auxiliary reading room.

Clairmont Hall

This is the horticulture building and it shows. The toilet paper dispenser has a big Master Lock on it — just like you might use to secure the tool shed. Unlike elsewhere on campus, they use earth-friendly, single-ply paper here. There is even an electrical outlet in the handicapped stall in case you want to plug in your grow lights.

Environmental Learning Center

If you want that back-to-nature experience without having to dig your own latrine, check out this rustic commode, featuring exposed log construction and rough hewn wood. It's like being at summer camp. Want to have some fun? The light switches are outside the bathrooms — a design peculiarity you can use to scare the dickens out of fellow campers late at night.

DeJardin Hall — first floor

This one's the winner, people. From the cozy entry nook — complete with campus phone; to the tasteful, contemporary palette of black, purple and gray, to the most restful lighting on campus, this is a thoroughly comfortable space that says, "Welcome friend."

Once inside, close your eyes, and the HVAC's gentle hum becomes the muted sound of sun, surf and sand. A delicate scent hangs in the air. You are king here, and because there is but one throne, you will likely luxuriate in solitude.

If the day should come that you decide to seek out this most lovely of lavatories, and you arrive only to find it occupied, you have my deepest condolences.



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BUDGET: Drafting department suffers complete cut

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According to Wilton, among the solutions were cutting out Clackamas' drafting department, laying off 20 full-time employees, increasing tuition by \$10 over the next two terms, continuing the staff and faculty freeze and the reactivation of various enrollment fees such as the \$50 dollar late enrollment fee.

Associate Student Government Promotions Officer Bailee Sanders was present at the college council meeting where Wilton presented a PowerPoint highlighting the changes that were taking place and she understands the bittersweet victory that CCC has made with the new batch of cuts.

"The college is doing the best they can to not effect (students) access to the college . . . an access to higher education," Sanders said passionately. "The college really has the students' best interests first."

According to Wilton, one of the positive things about this round of budget cuts was there were not a lot of fingers being pointed. No one played the blame game, and everyone trudged in the direction of finding solutions instead of bickering about who created the problems. The nature of what created the budget shortfall could have something to do

with this.

When Clackamas initially laid out its budget for the next two years, 09-10 and 10-11, it was relying on an amount of \$550 million that the governor had pledged to give to community colleges statewide.

In December, that number had already plunged to \$485 million and now it's only \$430 million that community colleges will be receiving statewide, and that number isn't necessarily rock bottom, a fact Wilton believes should be duly noted.

"We don't want people thinking every problem is solved," Wilton expressed.

On April 10, after the interview with Wilton, College President Joanne Truesdell announced in an e-mail that the state warned agencies to be prepared for a decrease of up to 30 percent. This would leave the 17 community colleges in Oregon struggling to craft budgets with only \$350 million in state aid.

Truesdell said that dropping the number to \$350 million would be, "a level that would devastate our ability to provide the size and scope of our current service."

The school should know however by the end of May how much funding they will be receiving for the next biennium.

GARDEN: Services cut, prices go up to save college money

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The sprinkler ban also met with disapproval. Until this year, a few club members watered the entire garden for everyone.

Zuelke explained the change, "You're going to be watering by hose, and you'll be watering your own plot yourself." He said he knows it will mean more work for gardeners.

Quite a bit more, explained Von Striver. She said watering and tending a garden requires a minimum of three visits per week. For people who come from as far away as Portland, making that many trips is really hard, she said.

Zuelke said that he expects hose watering to save on water and sewer costs, helping the college meet its goal of cutting \$135,000 in utility costs next year.

Currently, however, there are not enough spigots in the garden to accommodate individual hose watering, said Von Striver.

To address the lack of faucets, the college is currently taking bids to have pipes and additional hose bibs installed this year, Zuelke said. He noted, however, that all the fees collected this year, even with the increase, will likely not cover the cost of that project.

A third controversial change is that the club will no longer have control of the money it pays in fees. Zuelke said rather than route the money through the club system, funds will be part of the student activities budget. This means instead of the club collecting, depositing and drawing fees, the college will collect and allocate the fees.

The college needs to have better control over the money, said Zuelke. He stressed that no one is saying anything improper ever happened, only that the college had no way of verifying and tracking the money coming in.

In spite of the changes for the club, Zuelke said, "There's nothing to stop you from coming together and collaborating in any number of ways to help each other."

Voicing an opinion shared by many during the meeting, Von Striver said, "For more money we should be getting more services. We're kind of disgruntled by the fact that we built the program and now they're going to make money, and take the money away from us, when we were the ones that built the program, and they still want us to do it all ourselves."

Clackamas community garden plots are still available. For more information, e-mail communitygarden@clackamas.edu or call 503-657-6958, ext. 5316.